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**PATENT APPLICATION  
Q53854**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Yukio NAKAJIMA

Appln. No.: 09/269,972

Group Art Unit: 2123

Confirmation No.: 1844

Examiner: Dwin McTaggart Craig

Filed: April 8, 1999

For: TIRE DESIGN METHOD, OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING APPARATUS, AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING STORED OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING PROGRAM

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three (3) months, extending the time for filing a Brief on Appeal subsequent to the submission of a Notice of Appeal on August 28, 2006, to and including January 28, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith.

A check for the statutory fee of \$1,020.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (with the exception of the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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